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DR. JOSEPH E. POGUE, associate professor of geology and mineralogy at Northwestern University, gave an illustrated lecture on December 10 before the Geographic Society of Chicago entitled, "Through the Heart of Colombia."

OBITUARY

DR. ORVILLE A. DERBY died suddenly in Rio de Janeiro on November 27, aged 64. Since 1907 he had been director of the Geological Survey of Brazil. A pupil of Professor C. F. Hartt, of Cornell University, whose well-known "Geology and Physical Geography of Brazil" was published in 1870, he followed in his teacher's footsteps and went to Brazil. From 1875 to 1878 he was assistant geologist on the Geological Survey of Brazil and from 1886 to 1904 he was director of the Geographical and Geological Survey of the state of São Paulo. In 1906 he co-operated with Professor J. C. Branner of Leland Stanford University in producing a useful elementary manual of geology adapted to Brazilian students.

PROFESSOR EDWARD VAN DYKE ROBINSON died suddenly on December 10 in New York at the age of 48. Professor Robinson had just taken up his new duties at Columbia University, and his death is a great loss to the cause of geography in the United States. Professor Robinson's contributions to geography were mainly on the economic side. From 1907 to 1915 he had been professor of economics at the University of Minnesota. His textbook "Commercial Geography," 1909, is widely used, and his recent "Early Economic Conditions and the Development of Agriculture in Minnesota" is a noteworthy contribution to the subject.

MR. WILLIAM J. SUTHERLAND, president of the Platteville (Wis.) Normal School, died suddenly on December 9. Mr. Sutherland is best known through his "The Teaching of Geography," 1909. With C. M. Sanford he had recently written "Practical Exercises in Geography: Book 1, Our Own Country and Her Possessions." For six years he had been head of the department of geography and geology in the Macomb (Ill.) Normal School. He was born in Cherry Valley, Ill., April 14, 1865.